

For Other Than A Small Entity

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 08386.0004 (293/088)
Examiner Gary Jackson
Art Unit 3731

Mail Stop Petitions
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RECEIVED

DEC 01 2005

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

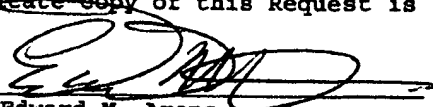
This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of pending prior Application No. 09/870,813 (Confirmation No. 1270), filed June 1, 2001 for CLOSURE DEVICES, RELATED DELIVERY METHODS AND TOOLS, AND RELATED METHODS OF USE.

1. ☐ Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
2. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ A Reply to Advisory Action is enclosed.
4. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. ☒ A Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000293-0088. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

6. ☐ A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
7. ☐ A check in the amount of \$790.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
8. ☒ Please charge \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000293-0088 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000293-0088. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

10. ☒ Please charge \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000293-0088, in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) for consideration of the enclosed Petition for Withdrawal from Issue. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
11. ☐ Please grant a ☐ one-month, ☐ two-month, ☐ three-month, ☐ four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Examiner's Action of _____ in the above-identified patent application.
12. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000293-0088. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
13. ☐ Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.



Edward M. Arons
Reg. No. 44,511
Attorney for Applicants
Fish & Neave IP Group
Ropes & Gray LLP
Customer No. 1473
1251 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020-1105
Tel.: (212) 596-9000
Fax: (212) 596-9090